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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Vern L. Aldridge of Maywood, formerly of Summit, who passed away on September 29, 2010; and

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WHEREAS, He was born June 3, 1938, to William Aldridge and Lucille Jones in Cairo; he attended grade school in District 104 and graduated from Argo Community High School in 1953; he excelled in basketball and football and was the first person to score points in the new gymnasium at his high school; and

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WHEREAS, He married his wife, Heloise, in 1956; he served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1979, attaining the rank of Sergeant; he then led R.O.T.C. training at Dunbar High School for over twenty years before his retirement; and

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WHEREAS, He was baptized under the leadership of the late Reverend Henry Blackwell at Antioch Baptist Church; he was a long time Officer, and served as Chairman of the Trustee Ministry, President of the Laymen Ministry, and as a member of the Male Chorus; and

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WHEREAS, He became a Mason in 1959; showing exemplary conduct, he was elevated to the Worshipful Master of Jacob

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1 Lodge #8, Patron of Electa Chapter #4, the Most Worshipful
2 Grand Master of Hiram Grand Lodge; in the Supreme he was
3 elected the Supreme Secretary General and the Supreme Imperial
4 Potentate; and

5 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his sister, Mildred;
6 and his children, Dawn and Vern, Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Vern Aldridge is survived by his wife of 54 years,
8 Heloise; his sons, Brandon (Vicki) and Douglas Brown; his
9 grandsons, Nathan, Kaylan, and Chanz; his granddaughter,
10 Khayla; his brother, Claude "Dick" Aldridge; his
11 mother-in-law, Marie Williams; his nephew, Carl Polk; his
12 nieces, Stephanie, Mathell, and Paulette; his six
13 great-grandnephews; his two great-grandnieces; his special
14 friends; his devoted neighbors; his Masonic family; and his
15 cousins, other relatives, and friends; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
18 his family and friends, the passing of Vern Aldridge; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Vern Aldridge as a symbol of our
22 sincere sympathy.